

INDIAN MAHARAJ GIVES HUGE GIFT TO EDUCATE WOMEN OF HIS RACE

(Correspondence Associated Press.)

LONDON, Dec. 19.—One of the greatest charitable gifts in the history of India has just been announced at Delhi. The Maharaj Kumar of Tikari, one of the wealthy native princes, has executed a deed of trust devoting his entire personal estate to founding an institution for the education of Indian women. The property concerned is valued at about \$7,000,000. In view of the much greater purchasing power of money in India, it is believed that the gift will accomplish as much proportionately as a gift of nearly ten times the size in England or America.

Dependent members of the Maharaj's family have already been provided for by separate funds, and all liabilities of the estate are duly secured. The scheme is for a strictly "purdah" residential institution, where the girls will be trained and educated on the best modern principles from the age of 5 to 18 years. There will be no question of caste or creed.

The gift owed its inspiration largely to the Maharaj's wife, who has been one of the foremost native In-

dian women in the crusade for the improvement of the lot of Indian women. The Maharaj himself was one of the first native princes to fight in France, and has spent over two years on the battlefield. He was brought up by English tutors in India and has been a great traveler.

The Maharaj's wife, in a letter describing the gift, says:

"The education of women is a problem demanding the attention of all governments in every country of the world. In India the issue is more vital even than in other countries. A young man leaves his home in India to be educated; he comes, perhaps to the English university, and at the end of three years he returns home to marry an Indian girl of his own social position. During his college days the young man has associated with cultivated Europeans, has learned many of their ways, has become used to clever, well-informed conversation and companionship. What about his Indian bride? If she has been brought up in the traditional Indian way she will be quite uneducated according to western standards, and will know

little of life outside her immediate surroundings. All her days she will have been kept in seclusion, for the ultimate purpose of marriage at the age of 13 or 14.

"It is because I feel the position of the Indian girls so keenly, because I realize the grave dangers which their general inability to be real helpers entails, that I am so enthusiastic and so anxious to do all I can to help.

"My husband has executed a deed of trust of his whole estate for the founding of an institution to educate Indian and Cingalese girls, and has made it an essential point that creed and caste shall be no bar. We hope to introduce into the school a thorough knowledge of English. A college will be built, and will include residential quarters where the students will live. A girl can stay until the age of 18, and this, I think, is very important, for the prevailing early marrying age in India at present cannot but prove detrimental to the physical wellbeing of our women."

A site for the college has been given by Sir Ali Imam, one of the leading native lawyers.

MANY GERMAN BUSINESS MEN ARE UNDER WATCH IN BRAZIL AS SPIES

(Correspondence Associated Press.)

RIO GRANDE DO SUL, Brazil, Dec. 19.—Brazil, now that it has entered the war, is having its spy scare and it has become more general even than in some of the other belligerent countries. It is only necessary for a person to be a foreigner and a stranger in any Brazilian town to become the object of suspicious regard by the people and even of police surveillance.

Orders have gone out from Rio de Janeiro for the arrest of large numbers of Germans, many of whom appear to be innocent business men, al-

though there is no doubt but that German espionage is well organized in Southern Brazil. Spies are reported to have been especially active in the state of San Paulo and the government has taken rigid measures for watching all suspects there.

As soon as the government began these measures of precautions, however, a large number of rich and well known German business men, who, under suspicion of being German government agents, succeeded in escaping into the Argentine republic with whatever secrets they may have had.

HUNDREDS INDUSTRIAL PLANTS IN IDLENESS

ATLANTA, Ga., Jan. 19.—Hundreds of industrial plants in the south were closed yesterday for five days under the fuel restriction order and thousands of operatives were idle today. No report of violations of the order had been received today and indications were that both manufacturers and workers viewed the situation philosophically.

MONEY FOR RED CROSS.

(By Associated Press.)

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, Jan. 19.—At the second day's session of the thirty-fourth annual convention of the National Wool Growers' association approximately \$6,000 was raised for the American Red Cross by the sale on the convention floor of a blooded ram donated for this purpose by the Wyoming Wool Growers' association.

LEAVE FOR YOUNG BRYAN.

(By Associated Press.)

TUCSON, Ariz., Jan. 19.—William Jennings Bryan, Jr., assistant United States district attorney for this district, has been granted a six months' leave of absence because of impaired health.

MANHATTAN MAPS FOR SALE

Both folding and wall maps of the Manhattan mining district as surveyed by William J. Moran are on sale at this office. The pocket maps are \$2.25 each and the large wall maps \$5.50. This map includes the latest surveyed locations and is the only up-to-date map of the district.

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RETAILERS RESENT TALK OF UNDULY HIGH WAR TAX PRICES.

It is only the occasional unscrupulous dealer who is using the new war tax as an excuse to put up unnecessarily high prices on his goods. This, at least, is the claim made by several of the better class tobacco and confectionery stores called on yesterday by a representative of this paper.

This question came up as the result of an Associated Press dispatch from Washington a few days ago in which it was stated that complaints were pouring into the internal revenue bureau regarding retailers who are using the war taxes on cigarettes, candy and other taxed articles as an excuse for price advances far in excess of the taxes. It was further stated that the law department of the bureau was endeavoring to find legal means of stopping this practice.

The local dealers called on were resentful of this accusation, stating that they believed such price raising unpatriotic. A leading tobacco dealer stated that only an unscrupulous and short-sighted dealer would try to make such prices. "Cigarette smokers are too keen," he said, "to be fooled very long, and the dealer who tries this trick is sure to lose trade by it in the end."

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LEAD INDUSTRY IN THE UNITED STATES

RECORD PRODUCTION AND VALUE REPORTED BY U. S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY.

The high price of lead in 1916 stimulated activity in lead prospecting and lead mining. Further activity was stimulated by the extraordinary high price of lead in June, 1917, and by the gradual increase in the price of silver, which led to the reopening of silver-lead mines that had been abandoned years ago on account of the low price of silver. During the first half of 1917 the lead industry was therefore very prosperous, although there was a general increase in the cost of both labor and supplies. The great decline in price that set in just before the middle of 1917 continued until the end of the year, when the price was lower than at the beginning of the year, but the decline was accompanied by no corresponding decrease in the cost of production, so that the producers complained that lead was selling below its actual cost.

The lead content of ore mined in the United States in 1917 was about 6,600 tons, as compared with 622,967 tons in 1916, a gain of 17,000 tons. The Joplin district gained 8,000 tons, California over 5,000 tons, Idaho 4,000 tons, and Washington and Montana 2,000 tons each. Tennessee, which made an annual output of only a few tons in previous years, reported a production of nearly 3,000 tons. Arizona and Utah lost about 4,000 tons each and Colorado about 2,000 tons, as compared with 1916. The disseminated lead district of Southeast Missouri remains the largest producer of lead.

THE LEAD INDUSTRY IN THE UNITED STATES.

(By Associated Press.) BASEL, Switzerland, Jan. 19.—The Royal theater in Stuttgart has been closed by order of the government of Wurtemberg in order to save coal. All the other royal theaters in Germany shortly will be ordered closed for the same reason.

WILCOX RESIGNS.

(By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, Jan. 19.—William R. Wilcox announced last night that he had resigned as chairman of the Re-

publican national committee, to accept service on one of the federal war boards. His resignation will take effect February 12.

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PLAN ENDORSED FOR PREVENTION OF LABOR TROUBLES IN WAR TIMES

(By Associated Press.)

BUTTE, Mont., Jan. 19.—A plan having the indorsement of the unions and employers alike for the elimination of disturbances in war time, has been established in many Montana towns through the efforts of the Montana Employers' association. This plan has been presented to President Wilson and Gov. S. V. Stewart of Montana, and it is to be submitted to the United States department of labor. At Great Falls, after a trial of the plan, the unions recently gave a smelter to which the employers were invited as guests. The plan worked in Butte until that city was invaded by the Industrial Workers of the World agitators during the mine troubles last summer, when it was interrupted. It has since been re-established.

DRASTIC ORDER SEEKS MAXIMUM EFFICIENCY

(By Associated Press.)

OTTAWA, Ont., Jan. 19.—Fuel Administrator Garfield's order is one of the drastic steps necessary in the readjustment of the machinery of the United States so as to get its maximum of efficiency for the country's participation in the war, declared C. A. Magrath, fuel controller of Canada, commenting on the order today.

CLOSE AMUSEMENTS.

(By Associated Press.)

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 18.—An order closing all places of amusement in St. Louis at 10 p. m. and closing them completely on Mondays and Tuesday was issued last night by Lieut. Gov. Wallace Crossley of Missouri, fuel administrator of this state. The order will be effective at once. All electric signs will also be turned off.

ELIGIBLE TO PROMOTION.

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, Jan. 19.—Eighteen thousand temporary second lieutenants in the regular army were made eligible for promotion to first lieutenants in the national army by a war department order today. Divisional commanders have been called upon to furnish lists of those qualified for promotion.

ROYAL THEATER CLOSED.

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The crux of the plan is the adjusting of wages for a year ahead. This is arranged by an agreement which either side may abrogate at the end of the year on thirty days' notice. If differences arise which threaten a disturbance at the end of the period covered in the agreement, such differences are submitted to a disinterested local board appointed by both the employers and the workers.

So far it has not been found necessary to call in any higher authority than this local board. But the plan provides for a supreme body of six members, three to be selected by Samuel Gompers and three by the National Employers' association, for the final settlement of all disputes that fail of settlement in the regional boards. This national board is essentially an appellate board.

DENIES DISCRIMINATION.

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18.—Replying to complaints of Governor Edge of New Jersey relative to the transferring and dismissing of New Jersey National Guard officers in the Twenty-Ninth division, Secretary Baker, in a letter last night, says no discrimination has been made against guard officers. The purpose of the department, Mr. Baker said, is to send abroad only officers who are fit physically and professionally to lead American troops, and the tests are being applied with equal severity to officers of the regular army, national army and the reserves.

In reply to Mr. Baker, Governor Edge expresses satisfaction with the secretary's explanation.

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